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FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF UPI WIRE STORY BY JOHN
BARTON RE KISSINGER AND PIKE COMMITTEE:

WASHINGTON - "A REPORT SHARPLY CRITICAL OF SECRETARY OF
STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND CONTAINING SECRET MATERIAL
THE WHITE HOUSE WANTED DELETED HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE
HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE.

AFTER MONTHS OF INVESTIGATING ABUSES BY THE U.S. INTELL-
IGENCE COMMUNITY, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY REP. OTIS G.
PIKE, D-NY, APPROVED BY A 9-4 VOTE FRIDAY A REPORT THAT
CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAY INCLUDES CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
FROM THE CIA, FBI AND NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY DESPITE
WHITE HOUSE OBJECTIONS.

THE SOURCES ALSO SAY THE REPORT CONTENDS THAT SECRETARY OF
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STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER PRESSED FOR COVERT OPERATIONS IN

ITALY, ANGOLA AND IRAQ DESPITE THE OBJECTIONS OF CIA AND
STATE DEPARTMENT EXPERTS, AND THAT IT ACCUSES KISSINGER OF

USING SECRECY AS A CLOAK FOR MISTAKES.

DESPITE THE LOPSIDED VOTE, THERE WERE INDICATIONS EFFORTS
MAY BE MADE TO BLOCK PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT.

RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER ROBERT MCCLORY SAID INCLUSION OF
THE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL IS 'A BREACH OF AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE VARIOUS INTELLIGENCE
AGENCIES.' HE SAID THE MOVES MIGHT BE MADE FROM THE HOUSE
FLOOR TO BLOCK ITS RELEASE.

MCCLORY ESTIMATED THAT 'FROM ONE FOURTH TO ONE THIRD OF
THE REPORT IS MATERIAL WHICH THE CIA, NSA AND FBI DO
NOT WANT RELEASED.' HE SAID THE COMMITTEE 'RECEIVED
IT IN SECRET WITH A PROMISE OF SECRECY.'

DEMOCRATIC SOURCES SAY SOME MATERIAL WAS DELETED AFTER
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE COMMITTEE
STAFF. BUT NOT EVERYTHING THE WHITE HOUSE WANTED OUT WAS
OMITTED.

MCCLORY SAID, 'I AM PLANNING TO BRING THE WHOLE MATTER TO
THE ATTENTION OF THE HOUSE.' HE CITED A HOUSE RULE
REQUIRING THAT SECRET MATERIAL BE DELIVERED ONLY WHEN THE
HOUSE IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND SAID 'A RESOLUTION COULD
BE INTRODUCED DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE NOT TO PUBLISH.'

THE NINE VOTES TO ACCEPT THE REPORT INCLUDED EIGHT
DEMOCRATS AND ONE REPUBLICAN, MCCLORY SAID. THE FOUR
VOTES AGAINST IT INCLUDED THREE REPUBLICANS AND ONE
DEMOCRAT.

PIKE ARGUES THAT THE EARLY AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE HOUSE
ON THE RELEASE OF SECRET MATERIAL DOES NOT APPLY TO THE
FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE. HE SAYS CONGRESS WOULD
SURRENDER ITS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT IF IT PERMITTED THE
WHITE HOUSE TO DETERMINE THE CONTENT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS."
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